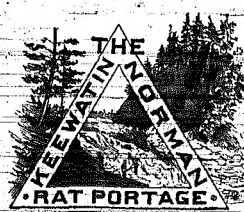


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**THE MINING LAW.**

THE RECORD has been devoting  
considerable space the last few weeks  
to the new Ontario Mining Bill,  
which has now become law. As  
plainly pointed out in the article  
copied from the Toronto Mail two  
weeks ago, the Ontario Mining Law  
seem to be framed more with a  
view of pleasing the farmers of the  
province than with the object of  
facilitating the development of our  
mineral resources. The idea is that  
our mineral wealth is a great  
heritage and from it will flow the  
bulk of the government revenue of  
the future, and that it is the duty  
of the government to act the part of  
trustees for the whole province to  
whom the wild lands belong. True,  
the people of the province have the  
right to participate to a certain extent  
in the wealth of our mineral lands,  
but only so far as the right is com-  
mon to all and compatible with the  
realization of their hidden riches.  
The large development of the mineral  
lands of the province would en-  
hance the value of every acre of  
farming land, by the employment  
of capital and labor to such an ex-  
tent as to enhance our home mar-  
kets for what the farmer has to sell.  
It is therefore to the advantage of  
the farmer that every reasonable  
inducement be given to secure the  
occupation and working of the mineral  
lands. Very strong objections  
have been raised against the action  
of the government in imposing a ro-  
yalty on the productions of the mines,  
virtually placing a tax upon the  
results of labor. As well might the  
government say to the farmer, as we  
are in need of revenue, you must  
pay us so much a bushel tax on the  
wheat you grow. In this royalty  
business the government is glaringly  
inconsistent. While we are  
pleased to see any kind of royalty  
abolished, we must point out the in-  
consistency of removing the royalties  
from lands patented prior to a  
certain date, and continuing them  
on lands patented after that date.  
Such action is simply enhancing to  
the holder the value of lands already  
patented, and placing an embargo  
upon explorers who are the pioneers  
in opening up wild mineral lands.  
By removing the royalty from pa-  
tented lands, the government has  
admitted its pernicious principle, but  
should have gone further and abo-  
lished it altogether, and prevented  
the continuation of the incalculable  
damage already inflicted.

—In the assembly Mr. Harcourt  
moved the House into committee on  
a bill to grant out of the consoli-  
dated revenue fund to the Pt. Arthur  
Duluth & Western railway company  
a cash subsidy of \$3,000 per mile  
for the construction of said railway  
from a point at or near the east end  
of Quindlin lake to a point at or  
near Magnetic lake, and a cash sub-  
sidy of \$2,000 per mile for the con-  
struction of three and a half miles  
of that portion of the said railway  
known as the Kakabeka branch.  
The bill passed committee and after-  
wards received its third reading.

—The third page of the Toronto  
Daily Mail is noted for "Want" ad-  
vertisements. "If you want a situa-  
tion, a mechanic, a business, machi-  
nery, lodging, if you have lost or found  
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tisements on the third page of the pa-  
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each insertion, or ten cents a word for  
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**OUR MINING LAWS**

Last year it was generally ex-  
pected that the Ontario Government,  
seeing the disastrous effects of the  
mining legislation of last session,  
would repeal the obnoxious clauses  
of the new Act, and adopt a more  
liberal and workable mining policy  
this season. This hope led a num-  
ber of miners and prospectors to  
stay here, thinking there would be  
some inducement for them to start  
out again this spring. But it seems  
the Government has decided to main-  
tain the royalty, which is the worst  
feature of the Act, and the only  
amendment now proposed is to allow  
a few years additional grace to any  
one making a new find three miles  
from any claim previously taken up.  
Thank you for nothing. Last season  
not a single property that I have  
heard of was paid for and patented  
under the new Act in this district,  
but the few new discoveries made  
were taken up on the lease plan, as  
requiring the least outlay at the start,  
and this fact alone, if nothing else,  
should have taught the Government  
that the best and most "speedy"  
way to develop our mines is to  
cheapen the price of mineral lands  
and give the poor man a chance.  
The Bank of Montreal is perhaps  
the strongest financial institution in  
Canada, but the same royalty on its  
gross business as is placed on the  
gross output of the mines here  
would bankrupt it in two years.  
And mining in Ontario is a strug-  
gling young industry that needs to  
be nursed along rather than crippled  
with fatal restrictions. There may  
be one or two, but there are not  
three paying mines in the whole  
province yet.—Correspondence of  
the Mail.

**CANADA'S NICKEL MINES.**

Mr. S. J. Ritchie, of Akron, O.,  
who is largely interested financially  
in the nickel mines of Canada, and  
who has for the past eight or ten  
years devoted himself to their de-  
velopment, is again urging the  
governments of the Dominion and  
Ontario to take decisive action in  
the matter.

The indifference of Canadian leg-  
islators, however has wet blanketed  
his projects, and he is well-nigh dis-  
couraged. He has been met with  
the arguments that if the enterprise  
contained certain elements of uncer-  
tainty and all that was claimed for  
it has not been demonstrated and  
proven, neither the government nor  
the people wished to aid or engage  
in it; on the other hand if all that  
was claimed for it were true, neither  
the Government nor Government aid  
were necessary, as the outside world  
would be clamoring to invest their  
money to secure the large returns  
which would follow their invest-  
ments.

It seems strange that the Canadian  
people and more especially the peo-  
ple of Ontario, in which province the  
mineral was found in immense de-  
posits, should not see the benefit to  
follow from the utilization of her  
natural resources. This, apparently,  
cannot be done without government  
aid. Anything that would lead to  
the establishment there of such a  
manufacture as that of iron and  
steel with its necessary accompani-  
ments of blast furnaces, rolling mills  
and the like, would not alone give  
employment to thousands of people,  
but would add to the general pros-  
perity, and would form a nucleus  
round which many trades would  
grow up. It would seem that Can-  
ada is standing in her own light,  
Nickel steel is bound to come into  
very general use if it can be cheaply  
manufactured and there is no end  
of the uses to which it can be em-  
ployed. Mr. Ritchie says Canada  
holds the monopoly of the world in  
this mineral.—Fraser, England and  
the United States are ready to use  
it in enormous quantities, and yet

the opportunity will not be grasped.  
It looks as if Canada lacked enter-  
prise.—Buffalo Express.

—The report that the coal deposits  
in the Crow's Nest Pass of the Rock-  
ies, were of too recent origin to be  
valuable for fuel is contradicted.  
Samples of coal were sent to a  
San Francisco firm that deals largely  
in coal. They were so pleased with the  
result of the analysis they had  
made, that they offered to contract  
for 150,000 tons. The deposits are  
not as yet developed, and only  
await the approach of railways to  
make them workable properties.  
These deposits are about 100 miles  
east of the mining camps on  
Kootenay lake, and if the coal is of  
the quality reported—the smelting  
problem, at least so far as fuel is  
one easy of solution.—Free Press.

—The Mail says: "The chief  
argument advanced against freeing  
the Northwest, as is proposed by  
McCarthy's bill, is the intimation  
that under freedom the French  
privileges will in all probability dis-  
appear. But this was no doubt the  
very consideration which provoked  
the restrictions upon Lower Canada,  
which were declared to be so irksome.  
Had it been supposed that the res-  
trictions would have been volunteered  
by the people it would not have  
been necessary to enforce them  
through any act of the imperial  
parliament. In these days, however,  
the opinion rightly prevails that the  
constitution to be workable and to  
be loyally observed should be such  
as commends itself to the judgment  
of the people living under it. We  
consented to the British North  
American Act through our repre-  
sentatives in parliament, and no change  
was ever made in the measure ex-  
cept upon request of the people of  
Canada. Such an influence as we  
have over our constitution ought  
to be extended to the Northwest  
settlers in respect to theirs. It  
follows, then, that no restriction  
should be set upon the west unless  
it be asked for, and even then it  
should be withheld if the people  
are not by a very large majority  
favorable to it.

—The London Times recently had  
an article reviewing the Behring  
Sea dispute. The writer comments  
on the fact that the matter has no  
direct importance for the English  
consumer of seal skins, to whom it  
matters nothing whether the skins  
are obtained from Canadians or  
United Statesers. The writer says:  
The controversy only concerns a  
semi-independent colony who treats  
us as a commercial enemy. These  
colonies are always embroiling us  
in foreign disputes. We are obliged  
to fight their battles while they  
treat us as a foreign power. How  
long is this to last? A few troubles  
like the Behring Sea controversy  
will compel us to face the problem  
and seriously ask ourselves whether  
the present relations between the  
Mother Country and the Colonies  
are quite fair to the British taxpayer.

**IGNACE.**  
—Judge Lyon paid the town a  
visit last week and fined M. Isbester  
\$50 and costs for selling liquor  
without a license. This illicit liquor  
selling has been going on for nearly  
a year, being carried on openly by  
Wm. Cobb. Application has been  
put in for a license, but a petition  
is in circulation against it, with good  
prospects of preventing the issue of  
license, in which case a strong effort  
will be made to stop the illicit sale.

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## TOWN TOPICS

—Mr. F. W. Caniff went to Winnipeg last Saturday and returned on Tuesday.

—Miss Matheson has gone to Prince Albert on a visit to Mrs. W. Galbraith.

—Mr. H. F. Holmes has opened a business office opposite Baker & Co's store.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. Gundersen have returned to town after several months absence.

—The Rat Portage W. C. T. U. will meet next Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. N. Jamieson.

—Mr. A. H. Gilliam, who was here last summer, has returned to town and will engage in the up-to-date business.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnson would like to talk to you about seeds and wall paper. Come and see them. Nothing charged for pointers.

—Examinations have been held in the public schools this week. Quarterly reports of the different departments will appear in our next week's issue.

—Some of the young men are moving for the organization of a Locomotive club. This is our Canadian national game and is growing in popular favor.

—On our fourth page will be found the reply of the prohibited J. P. to the municipality of Alberton, a bylaw of which appeared in last week's Record.

—The Sacrament of the Lord's supper will be dispensed in the Presbyterian church to-morrow morning. The service in the evening will be appropriate to Easter.

—Senator Longhead, of Calgary, was a passenger on the delayed west express yesterday morning. He was pleased to meet his old friend, Mr. J. K. Brydon, at the station.

—Mr. Jeff Hildebreth has purchased from Messrs. Ross, Hall & Brown the steamer Alma T. and is fitting her up in preparation for bringing in a thousand tons of ore from the Hornet mine, logging location.

—The second annual ball of the local organization of Oddfellows will be held on Wednesday evening next in Victoria hall. Mr. H. Travis will lead the music and the supper will be served at the Russell House.

—Gold Hill Lodge, No. 261, I. O. O. F. will meet in Garfield Hall on Sunday evening, April 24th, at 18.30 o'clock, for the purpose of attending Divine service at Knox church. Visiting members cordially invited to attend.

—On Saturday night last there was a smashup on the C. P. R. near Trile, caused by a broken rail in a rack cut. Five cars were completely wrecked, and five others were badly damaged, but nobody was hurt. The truck was soon cleared for traffic.

—The members of the Municipal Council visited Norman this week to ascertain what was required in the way of improvements. They went over the route of the proposed road to Keewatin and found that a comparatively level road could be made from Cameron & Kennedy's bay to the confines of the Keewatin municipality, but it is feared that the right of way cannot be obtained all the way south of the C. P. R.

—Not much interest is so far shown in the coming election for the town council. Aspirants for the position are slow in announcing themselves and the people are slow in bringing forward candidates. Mr. Campbell informs us that he is desirous of dropping out of the council altogether, if his friends will allow him to do so. This does not seem likely at present and he will probably be our first mayor. Should Mr. Campbell drop out Mr. J. M. Savage is the favorite for the position. These named besides the present council as candidates are Messrs. H. Rideout, J. B. Davis, John Kay, John Stader and D. C. Cameron. There is a strong desire at Norman that Mr. Cameron allow himself to be nominated.

—Capt. Brereton, of Cross lake, is in town.

—The eggs will suffer tomorrow, being Easter.

—The Russell House verandah is being extended along the addition on Second street.

—One of the oldest pioneers of Rat Portage, known as "Old Bill," returned to town a few days ago.

—Mr. A. Campbell's building towards the south end of Main street has been converted into a residence.

—Yesterday being Good Friday was generally observed as a holiday. Nearly all business places were closed.

—Miss McCracken and Mr. H. Langford each read an excellent paper at the meeting of the Epworth League last Monday evening.

—The Fort Frances mail came in on Thursday morning and left again yesterday morning at one o'clock. The lake ice is reported very bad.

—Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Spence, who has been here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Oliver, has returned to her home at Grand Forks.

—The familiar appearance of Drayman Henry has been missing from our streets for some days. He straggled himself one day last week and has been laid up since, but is recovering.

—Mr. M. Brown, of the firm of Ross, Hall & Brown, went east on Monday night last on a visit to Toronto and other points. He was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Thos. Brown, who arrived in town last week.

—M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master of the A. F. & A. M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, is expected to arrive here on Friday next, the 22d inst., and will meet Pequona Lodge officially at 15 o'clock and Keewatin Lodge at 20.

—At the meeting of the Christian Endeavor on Monday evening the following were appointed delegates to the Christian Endeavor convention at Winnipeg: Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Nairn, Messrs. P. C. Mills, G. M. Knoch, W. Foy, Miss Rideout, Miss Matheson and Miss Black.

—The proclamation for the election of mayor and councillors and school trustees made necessary by the incorporation of Rat Portage as a town, will be posted in a few days. The nomination takes place in the town hall on Monday, the 2d May, and the polling, if any, one week later.

—Sheriff Carpenter and Constable Emmons left on Monday morning for Toronto with two prisoners for the Central Prison—C. Hanson sentenced to one year and eleven months for stealing, and Peter Peterson one year for a similar offence. The Hungarian John Koystone, was taken to the lunatic asylum at the same time.

—The News continues to crouch about "the only complete stock of printers' supplies" and "first class jobs". The Record has not had occasion to write up its job printing, preferring to allow this style of work done speak for itself. The result has been that it is now generally understood that the Rat Portage office turns out the better printing of every description, and we have, therefore, a steady run of work, which is increasing to such an extent that we have been under the necessity of procuring additional job type to enable us to fill orders promptly.

—Mr. J. K. Brydon, town clerk, is preparing a voters' list for the coming election for the town council. This is made necessary by the change in the qualification of voters. In township municipalities the qualification of a voter is — to be assessed for \$100, upon which basis the Rat Portage voters' list has heretofore been compiled. The qualification of a voter in town municipalities has been \$300, but at the session of the Legislative Assembly just closed, an amendment to the Town Corporations Act was passed making the qualification \$200, in towns where the population is under 3,000. This amendment will make a difference of about fifty in the number of those qualified to vote, and those assessed for \$200 and upwards will be on the new lists.

—Mr. Walter Ross went to Winnipeg on Thursday. He will meet Mrs. Ross there on her return from the Pacific coast.

—Mr. A. W. Colpman, of the H. B. Co., returned on Wednesday from a business trip to Winnipeg.

—Mr. John Arbutnot has been appointed manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Western Lumber Co., and Mr. Van Eiten is now their travelling salesman.

—Mr. J. D. Campbell, brother of Mr. A. G. Campbell, of this place, was here last week. He accepted the position of traveller for Messrs. Ross, Hall & Brown and went west on Saturday.

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

—The Rat Portage Council met on Friday evening of last week. Present: Reeve Campbell, and Councillors Savage, Chadwick and Nash.

Communications were received from Messrs. Shoultice, T. Johnston, W. A. Weir and Geo. Drewry. The request to continue the sidewalk on Third street to Main was granted.

—The board of works recommended that 100 feet of sidewalk be built on First street on the Rideout estate; that the lane in rear of Mr. Philbin's residence be put in a passable condition; that the use of a portion of Mining street be granted to Mr. W. D. Lyon at \$1 per year; and that Inspector Woods cause the removal of wood and chips causing the water to run into the Clougher block cellars.

Mr. Wier, for the Imperial Bank, replied to the request of the council for a line of credit, saying that it would be better to leave the question to be arranged by the new town council.

Mr. Geo. Drewry was granted leave to lay down a twelve foot sidewalk in front of his new hotel.

The question of water supply on being considered was referred to the fire, water and light committee to inquire into the cost of the erection of an aerometer and tank at the foot of water street, such proposition being considered the least expensive for temporary water supply.

The following orders were issued: Electric lights, \$117; James Weidman, \$10.50; Arthur Woods, as per order of John Wilson, \$5; John Logan, 75c; J. E. Dubord, 50c; R. P. Murphy, \$1.50; A. Moore, \$2.62; Postage, etc., \$5.

The council adjourned.

## NORMAN.

—The Norman post office has been made a money order office.

—The M. & O. Lumber Co. expect to start their mill on Monday morning.

—Messrs. Cameron & Kennedy expect to start up their mill about May 1st.

—The Municipal council seem to be stirring themselves, and trying to ascertain our needs. They visited this part of the municipality in a body on Tuesday and went over our streets and the proposed route of the new road to Keewatin south of the C. P. R.

## BIRTHS.

BARNES.—At Rat Portage, on the 8th inst., the wife of Mr. George Barnes, of a daughter.

McNEIL.—At Norman, on the 11th inst., the wife of Mr. H. McIntosh of a son.

## DEATH.

PHILLIPS.—At Rat Portage, on the 8th inst., Edie, youngest daughter of Mr. James Phillips, aged 2 years, 1 month and 10 days.

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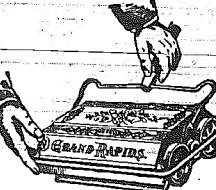
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